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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, TH
SUBJECT: THAI SECURITY GUARD STRIKE

REF: (A) COMUSMACTHAI 041150Z DEC 74; (B) BANGKOK 19073

A. AT APPROXIMATELY 0600 HRS. LOCAL 10 DECEMBER, A THAI SECURITY GUARD WORK STOPPAGE THROUGHOUT THAILAND BEGAN. THAI SECURITY GUARD REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTED IN WRITING TO OUR CONSULATE AT UDORN THEIR ASSURANCES THAT "THE THAI SECURITY GUARDS DO NOT WISH TO CAUSE ANY UNREST OR DISTURBANCE WHICH MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE COUNTRY. NEITHER WILL THEY DESTROY OR DAMAGE ANY GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES. THIS STRIKE IS ONLY FOR OBTAINING A REPLY FROM THE SUPERVISORS TO THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY THE SECURITY GUARDS. THERE ARE NO OTHER PURPOSES". THUS FAR, THE WORK STOPPAGE HAS BEEN PEACEFUL AND APPEARS WELL ORCHESTRATED. THAI SECURITY GUARDS HAVE CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY AT WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE SENSITIVE AND/OR HIGH-RISK GUARD POSTS.

2. INITIALLY, THOSE POSTS NOT MANNED BY THAI SECURITY GUARDS BUT NECESSARY FOR NORMAL DAY-TIME SECURITY WERE MANNED BY CONTINGENCY US
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PERSONNEL FROM THE INSTALLATION AFFECTED. WE

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WERE ADVISED LATE THIS AFTERNOON BY MACTHAI THAT GENERAL KRIANGSAK DESIRED THAT ALL PERIMETER AND EXTERNAL GUARD POSTS BE MANNED WITH AND THE SECURITY PROVIDED BY ROYAL THAI ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL (RTARF). MACTHAI SUBSEQUENTLY SENT A MESSAGE TO ALL MAJOR COMMANDS AFFECTED RELAYING GENERAL KRIANGSAK'S DESIRES AND OUTLINED THE COURSE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN COMPLIANCE.

3. BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT 1700 HRS. LOCAL 10 DECEMBER, PERIMETER SECURITY AT THOSE US-TENANTED INSTALLATIONS WHERE RTARF FORCES WERE READILY AVAILABLE IS BEING PROVIDED BY A COMBINATION OF ROYAL THAI MARINES, NAVY AND ARMY WITH AN INTERSPERSING OF SOME THAI SECURITY GUARDS WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO MAN THEIR POSTS. US SECURITY FORCES PERSONNEL ARE PROVIDING SECURITY AT ALL OTHERS UNTIL THE RTARF CAN REACT TO COVER THOSE POSTS NOT COVERED BY TSG'S. TO DATE, ALL MAJOR INSTALLATIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COMMERCIAL AIRPORT AT DON MUANG AND KHO KHA AIR STATION HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS WORK STOPPAGE. AT RAMASUN STATION, THAI SECURITY GUARDS HAVE CONTINUED TO MAN ACCESS GATES AND SEVERAL INTERNAL CRITICAL POSTS. US FORCES HAVE AUGMENTED AS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE COMPLETE SECURITY.

4. ONE ISSUE BEHIND THE STRIKE CENTERS AROUND THE EMPLOYMENT OF A LOTTERY SYSTEM FOR SELECTING PERSONNEL FOR THE REDUCTION IN FORCE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE OTHER UNDERLYING ISSUES INVOLVING PAY AND ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AS CITED IN REFTELS.

5. ESSENTIAL WE RECEIVE APPROVAL DECEMBER 11 FOR PAY AND FRINGE BENEFIT PACKAGE TRANSMITTED REFTELS.
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